



Stop the Silence. Help End the Violence.

NEWSLETTER

Purpose

OK2SAY encourages **confidential** tips on potential harm or criminal activities directed at students, school employees and schools.

OK2SAY PROMOTIONS

OK2SAY BUS SIGNS

Over 800,000 students in Michigan ride a school bus every day.

OK2SAY is partnering with the Michigan Association for Pupil Transportation and the Michigan State Police Bus Inspection Unit to place OK2SAY signs on every school bus.



OK2SAY PSAs & Articles

MSU basketball coaches Tom Izzo and Suzy Merchant are featured in PSAs for OK2SAY.



Student-produced PSAs and stock articles are also available on our website for public use.

SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS

OK2SAY offers FREE presentations for students in grades 6-12. The seminars explain how OK2SAY works and discusses bullying, peer abuse, suicide, assault, and gun violence.

During the 2014-2015 school year, the OK2SAY team presented over 760 seminars to nearly 94,500 students and parents. Learn more or schedule a presentation at www.mi.gov/ok2say!

SUCCESS STORIES

A student who swallowed poison is saved through medical intervention.

A student talking about going on a killing spree is confronted and a potential tragedy prevented.

A tip alerts school staff and local law enforcement about a sex offender near a school.

Acting on a tip about a student bringing a weapon to school, school officials confiscate a three-inch knife.

OK2SAY RESULTS

From September 2, 2014 to August 1, 2015, calls, texts, emails, and web and mobile app reports resulted in 1,401 tips in the following categories:

Alcohol	29	Planned Fights	2
Assault	93	Planned School Attack	16
Bullying	358	Self-harm	65
Cyberbullying	169	Sexting	38
Child Abuse	27	Sexual Assault	16
Dating Violence	8	Sexual Misconduct	38
Domestic Violence	3	Stalking	3
Drugs	89	Stealing	4
Fighting	17	Suicide Threats	193
Gangs	3	Threats	46
Guns	8	Vandalism	2
Human Trafficking	1	Weapons Possession	5
Knives	10	Other	158

OK2SAY TECHNICIAN'S CORNER

Looking back on a successful first year, the team expresses deep appreciation to schools, local law enforcement, and all other tip recipients for their concern and professionalism in addressing tips.

The most reported topic continues to be bullying.



A recent example involves a tip from a bystander concerned about another student being bullied on the bus. The victim was being physically and verbally assaulted and the tipster was concerned that the bullying might lead to self-harm or suicide. The school acted quickly, addressing the bullying and providing support to the bullied student. Parents of the victim and the bullies were involved in the intervention.

All tips are taken seriously and we even forward tips with limited information. We understand that receiving limited information may be frustrating, but that information, when combined with what the school already knows, may be significant.

